COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

GREAT HARWOOD.

Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer.

Including details of work done by the SANITARY INSPECTOR

AND

LADY HEALTH VISITOR.

FOR THE

District of Great Harwood

For Year ending, December 31st,

1925.

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County of Lancaster. Urban District of Great Harwood.

To the Chairman and Members of the Great Harwood Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I herewith submit to you my second Annual Report on the Sanitary Circumstances, the Sanitary Administration, and the vital statistics of the District for the year ending December 31st, 1925, including details supplied by your Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN K. CUMMING, Medical Officer of Health

1.—NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.
Area (acres) 2868
Population—Census, 1921—13596.
Estimated, 1925 18500
Physical features and general character of the area—Situate in Lancs., N.E.
Latitude, 53°,47" to 53°,48".
Longitude, 2°,27" to 2°,23".
Sea Level (above)—Highest point 760 feet.
" Lowest point 210 "
" Mean 485 "
Soil: Sand and Clay. On a slope falling in a North-Easterly and South Easterly direction.
Number of inhabited houses (Census, 1921) 3405
Number of families or separate occupiers (Census, 1921) 3373
Rateable Value £76,577/10/0
Sum represented by a penny rate £288



Social conditions, including the chief occupations of the inhabitants: Good—chiefly engaged in the manufacture of Cotton Goods.

The influence of any particular occupation on public health: The most prevalent disease amongst the Cotton Operatives is Chronic Pharyngitis.

VITAL STATISTICS.

			Total.		Male.	F	emale.
Births in 1925	•••	•••	225	•••	123	•••	102
Deaths in 1925		•••	160	•••	74		86

RATES PER 1,000 OF POPULATION.

			Birthrate	De	Tube Res	fron rcul	osis of atory	Rate deaths 1 ye to 1 Bir	under ear ,000
Mean of	10 ye		2415.8		12.4		0.63	•••	88
1924			14.8	•••	12.5	•••	0.64	•••	87
1925	•••	•••	16.3	•••	11.6	•••	0 36	•••	97
Increase in 1	or D 9 2 5 c								
Ten Year	rs' Av	erage	+.5	•••	— ·8	•••	27	•••	+9
Previous	Year	•	+1.5	•••	— 0 9		-0.28	•••	+10

The amount of Poor Law relief: the extent to which hospital and other forms of gratuitous medical relief are utilised—

Refer to Clerk, Blackburn Board of Guardians.

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area during the period under review; and any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health—Nil.



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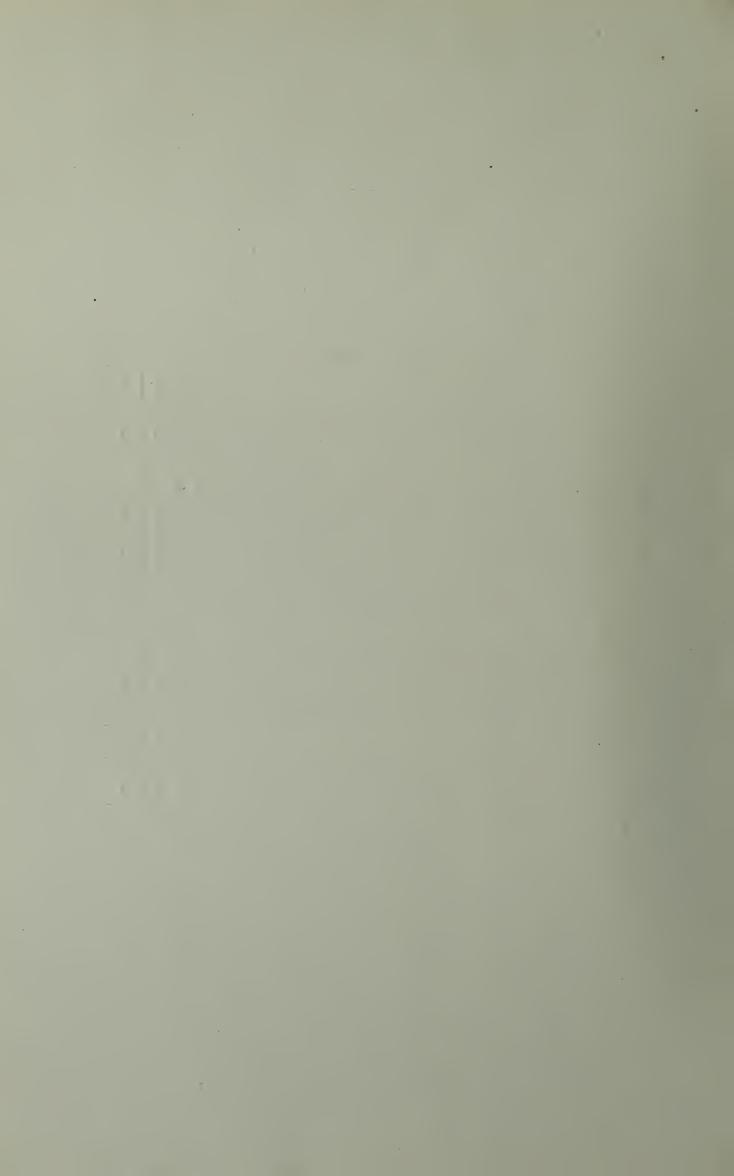
						Per 1,0	000 of .	Populatio	on.	
				Birth- day.		Death- rate.	Tul	thrate from the second	s of	Rate of Deaths under 1 year to 1,000 Births.
Mean of 5 years	s —									
1895-1889 1900-1904 1905-1909 1910-1914 1915-1919 1920-1924			•••	28·2 25·5 22·3 19·8 14·1 17·5		14·4 14·1 12·1 11·3 13·2 11·7		0.90 0.86 0.51 0.70 0.79 0.48		142 149 118 94 93 83
Year—			- 3							
1924 1925	•••	•••		14 8 16 3		12 [.] 5 *11 [.] 6	•••	0·64 0·36		87 97
Increase or dec	rease i	n 1925	on							
Mean of 5 y	years 1			$-1.2 \\ +1.5$	•••	-0·1 -0·9	•••	-0 12 0 28	•••	+14 +10

^{*} Standardizing factor, 1.070; corrected death-rate, 12.4 per 1,000.



CAUSES OF DEATH.

			M.	F.		м. 1
	ALL CAUSES	•••	74	86	23 Appendicitis and typhlitis	1
1	Enteric Fever				24 Cirrhosis of Liver	2
2	Small-pox			1	25 Acute and Chronic Nephritis	1
3	Measles		1	2	26 Puerperal sepsis	
4	Scarlet Fever				27 Other accidents and diseases of	
5	Whooping cough			1	pregnancy and parturition	
6	Diphtheria			1	28 Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth	6
7	Influenza		1	4	29 Suicide	2
8	Encephtalitis lethargica	• • •			30 Other deaths from violence	2
9	Meningococcal meningitis				31 Other defined diseases 1	2
10	Tuberculosis of respiratory system		3		32 Causes ill-defined or unknown	1
11	Other tuberculous diseases		3	2	Special Causes (included above)	
12	Cancer, malignant disease		5	6	Poliomyelitis	
13	Rheumatic fever			1	Polioencephalitis	
14	Diabetes			1		
15	Cerebral hæmorthage, &c.		4	5	Deaths of Infants (Total 1	2 I
16	Heart Disease)	8	13	under 1 year (Illegitimate	:
7	Arterio schelerosis		4	3		
18	Bronchitis		5	10	TOTAL BIRTHS 12	3 102
9	Pneumonia (all forms)		5	7	Legimate 12	1 100
0	Other respiratory diseases				Illegitiyyete	2 2
1	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	2		Inegrimate	
22	Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)		1		Population	13790



2.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Hospital Accommodation provided or available:

For Smallpox: 2 Beds. Where situate: Finnington Hospital, Blackburn. Retaining Fee, £40 per annum.

For other Infectious Diseases: Nil. Where situate: Nil.

Is there any Hospital Accommodation in the district for-

Tuberculosis: Nil. Maternity Cases: Nil. Children: Nil.

Give Postal Address of Union Infirmary and any other Public Institution in District: Blackburn.

Have any of the following been provided in your district?

Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants, and homeless children: Nil.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres: Yes.

Give day and time open: Town Hall, Tuesday, Fortnightly, 2-30 to 4-30.

Day Nursery: Nil.

School Clinic: Nil.

Tuberculosis Dispensary: No-attend at Accrington L.C.C

Venereal Diseases Treatment Centre: Blackburn Royal Infirmary.

Ambulance facilities:

For Infectious Cases: Nil.

For Non-infectious and Accident Cases: Yes—Austin Ambulance Van.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health-John Keith Cumming.

Salary (including Bouus) as M.O.H. at 31/12/1925-£100.

Any other appointments held by him.

Is he a whole or part-time Officer? Part Time.

Medical Officer, Great Harwood District, under Blackburn Union.

Sanitary Inspector: Albert Eddleston.

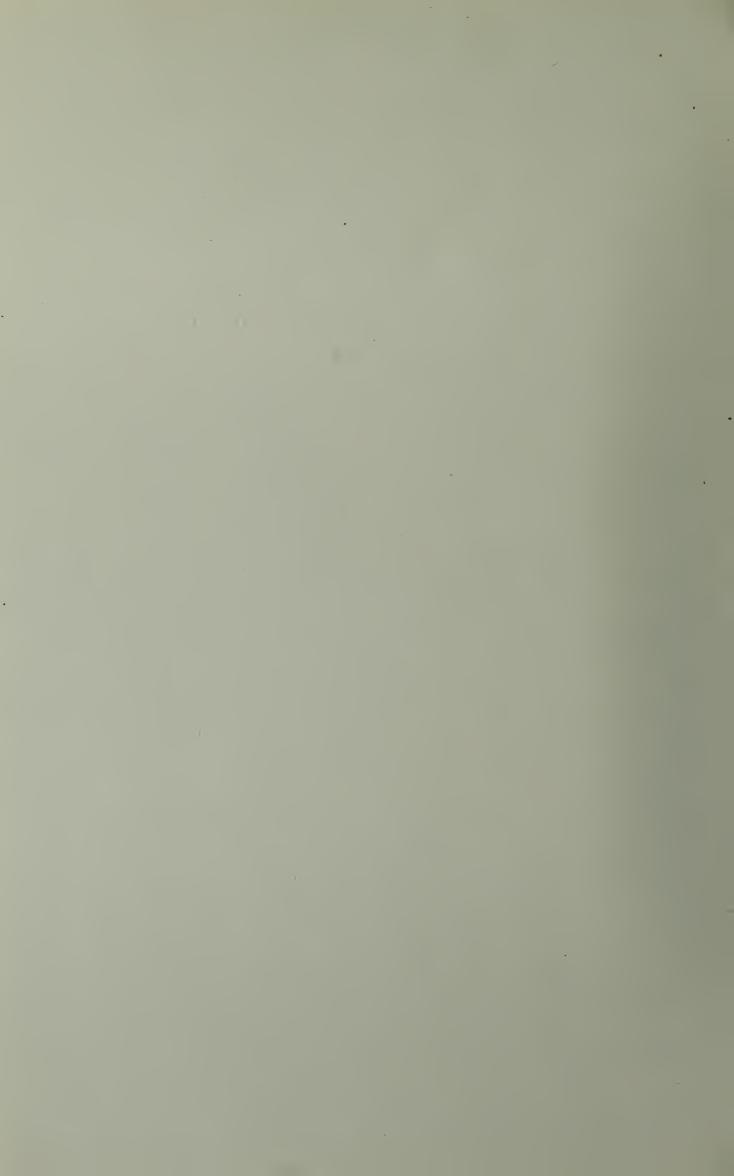
Salary (including Bonus) as Inspector at 31/12/1925-£210 9s. 0d.

Is he a whole or part-time Officer? Whole Time.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector: Nil.

Any specialised Inspectors-Nil.

Any other Public Health Officers, such as Health Visitors and Special Nurses: Part-time Health Visitor—Esther Patchett, C.M.B. £90 per annum.

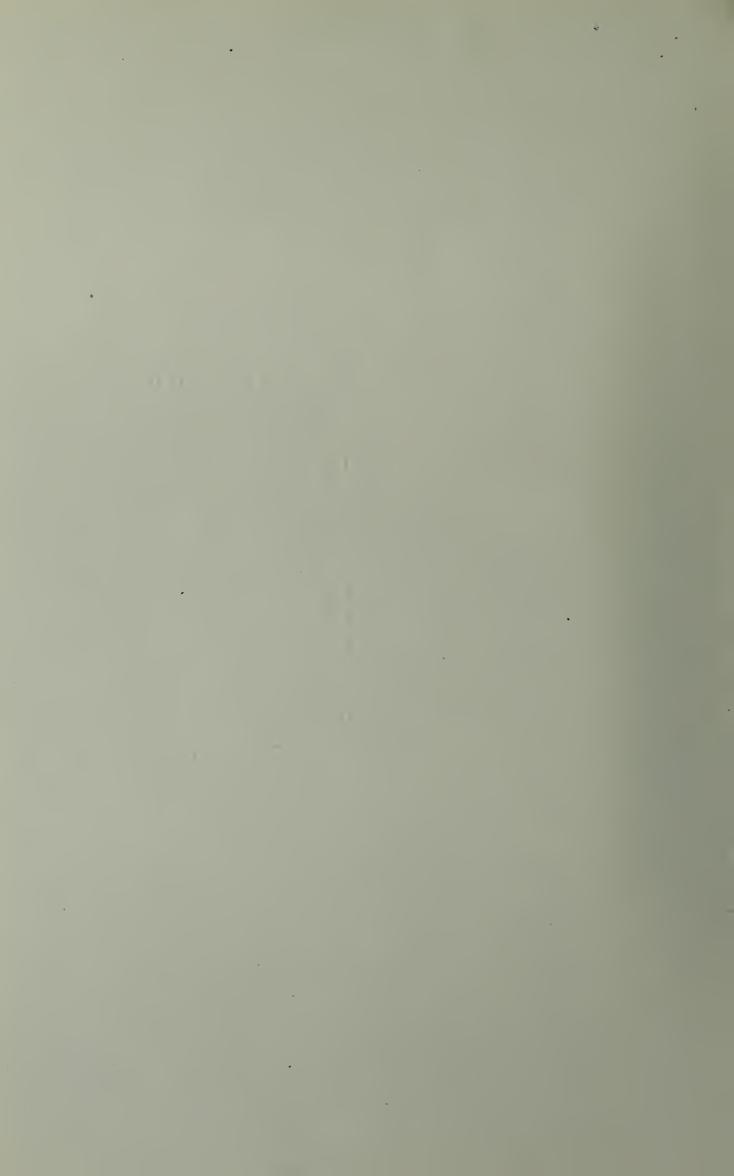


Professional Nursing in the Home. Arrangements in the District for—	
(a) General Nursing.	A Queen's Nurse. (Whole-time.)
(b) For Infections Diseases, e.g., Measles, &c.	Nil.
Is there a District Nursing Association in the District?	Yes. One District Nurse employed.
If so, does any arrangement exist between the Council and the Asso- ciation in respect of Child Welfare	
Work? If no such arrangement exists, does	No.
the Association voluntariy under- take Child Welfare Work?	No.
Does the Association undertake—	NT-
(a) Midwifery cases? (b) Monthly Nursing?	No. No.
Has any local scheme been prepared in	
regard to the Supply of Food and Milk for Expectant and Nursing Mothers,	
and of Milk for Infants?	Yes, Necessitous Cases receive attention
Midwives —Is any midwife employed by or assisted by the Local Authority?	No.
Number of midwives on the County Council Register, 31/12/1925.	No. on Register, 2. No. actually practising, 2.
Any comments as to the sufficiency or otherwise of the midwifery service?	No.
Legislation in force—	
Specify any—	
Local Acts.	Nil.
Local Orders.	Nil.
General Adoptive Acts.	The Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890. Operative from 15th Dec., 1890.
	P. H. Acts. Amendment's Acts, 1907 Operative from 19th April, 1909.
	P. H. Acts. Amendment's Acts, 1890 Operative from 15th Dec., 1890.
	Public Libraries' Act. Operative from 21st July, 1903.
	P. H. Act, 1925. Operative from 1st March, 1926.
	Bye-laws for Offensive Trades, Slaughter houses, etc. Operative from 2nd Oct., 1895.
Bye-laws relating to public health.	New Bye-laws relating to New Street and Buildings.
Observations as to their administration.	(Copy enclosed herewith.) Enforced.
Particulars as to co-operation with—	
The Voluntary Hospitals.	Patients sent to Royal Infirmary Blackburn; Victoria Hospital, Acc
The Poor Law or other agencies.	rington, etc. J. K. Cumming holds the appointment



3.—Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply—	
Source and quality.	Dean Clough Reservoir, in the District Good,
Constant or intermittent.	Constant.
Approx. No. of dwelling-houses supplied.	Direct—all possible. By Stand Pipe—Nil.
Possibilities of contamination.	Nil.
Any liability to plumbo-solvent action.	No.
Any insufficiency, and where.	No.
Nature of extensions (if any) during the year.	Nil.
Rivers and Streams-	
Action taken with regard to the Pollution of Streams. Sources and nature.	Nil.
Drainage and Sewerage—	
Sewage Disposal Works, method of treatment.	Works: Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewage Board. Precipitation, Filtration, and Land Irrigation.
What is the character of the Drainage System? Any developments during year.	Well-constructed Earthenware Pipe Sewers.
Areas, or Townships, without proper drainage system.	Lidgett, Blackleach, and Cock Bridge. (Out-Districts.)
Action taken—Drain Testing, Flushing, &c.	Water Tests.



Closet Accommodation at end of 1925 :-

Privy Middens: No. of Middens-Nil.

No. of Closets attached to these Middens-Nil.

No. of Pail Closets-43.

No. of Dry Ashpits (excluding Middens)-1853.

No. of Fresh Water Closets-614.

No. of Movable Ashbins for refuse-1484.

No. of Waste Water Closets-2693.

No. of Uncovered Ashpits-108.

No. of Earthenware Tank Closets-95.

	Du	ring Yea 1925.	r	During Five Years, 1921-1925.
No. of Earthenware To Fresh W.C.'s To Waste W.C.s To Pails &c.	•••	2 0 0	•••	33 0 0
No. of Pail Closets { To Fresh W.C.'s To Waste W.C.'s			•••	0
No. of Waste W.C.'s to Fresh W.C.'s			•••	7
No. of Houses at which Movable Ashbi have been substituted for fixed receivables		86	•••	119

Is there any definite policy at the present time for abolishing Tank Closets and Pail Closets? Yes. During 1926 we are anticipating the conversion of 50 to the Fresh Water Closet System and all Ashpits covered or Ashbins provided.

Does Council contribute towards the cost of converson? Yes.

If so, how much? £5 per house.

What kind of Closet Accommodation is being provided for new property? Fresh W.C.'s.



Good. Well carried out under the
supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.
Sanitary Authority.
1 Ford and 2 Horses.
Early Morning.
To a Tip outside the Town.
No.
266.
No. discovered—360. No. abated—360.
1uformal—48. Statutory—Nil.
No.—Nil. Result—Nil.

Smoke Nuisance-

Any special action taken with regard to smoke abatement? Stokers warned.

No. of Observations-8.

No. of Legal Proceedings taken and result—Nil.

What is the time limit allowed for the emission of black smoke per hour? 10 Minutes per hour.

Offensive Trades,	No2. Character—Tripe Boiling Works. (Owned by the Council.) Action taken or needed—Nil.
Workshops and Workplaces.	Good, No.—114.
Common Lodging-houses	Number—Nil.
Houses let in Lodgings.	Action taken or needed-Nil.
Schools.	Sanitary condition—satisfactory. Water Supply, &c.—Good.
Canal Boats.	Number Inspected - Nil.



4.—HOUSING: GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS.

General housing conditions—satisfactory.

Extent of shortage or excess of houses-

The Conncil are granting a subsidy of £100 (including Government contributions) under the Housing (1923) Act, to the extent of 120 houses, if completed before 31st March, 1927.

Information as to any important changes in population during the period under review or anticipated in the future—

1921 Census, 13 596. A survey for Housing in June, 1925, shewed a population of 13,358. There is a considerable less number of children attending Elementary Day Schools than formerly.

Overcrowding: Extent-Practically nil.

Fitness of houses: General standard of housing in the area-Good.

General character of the defects found to exist in unfit houses— Defective gutters and slates: dampness.

How far defects are due to the lack of proper management and supervision by owners, or to acts of waste or neglect of tenants—

Owners fairly good generally in carrying out essential repairs.

General action taken as regards unfit houses under:

The Public Health Acts-Alterations to closets and ashpits.

The Housing Acts-General repairs to property.

Difficulties found in remedying unfitness, either under the Public Health Acts or under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925—Nil.

Special measures taken or suggested:

Any special action to secure improved management of property by owners—Nil.

Better care of property by tenants-Nil.

The gradual carrying out of repairs according to agreed arrangements—Nil.



Any special method of dealing with unfit back-to-back houses, or other types of insanitary property—No.

Conditions so far as they affect housing, as regards:

- (a) Water supply-Nil.
- (b) Closet accommodation—95 Earthenware Tanks. (Immediate steps being taken to abolish same.)
- (c) Refuse disposal—108 Open Ashpits.
 (Immediate steps being taken to abolish same.)
- (d) Measures taken during 1925 as regards (a), (b), and (c)—
 - (b) 2 Conversions; (c) 36 Substituted by Ashbins.

Unhealthy areas:

Information as to complaints received or representations made and action taken, in regard to unhealthy areas—We have none.

Byelaws relating to houses let in lodgings, and to tents, vans, sheds, &c.—

As to working of existing byelaws—Byelaws are enforced.

As to need for new byelaws or revision of existing byelaws-Nil.

General and Miscellaneous:

Generally, an account of any action bearing on the public health, not covered by the above particulars, which has been taken during the year by the Local Authority in connection with overcrowding, insanitary property, and housing, whether under the Housing Acts or the Public Health Acts, including any action taken by the Authority to provide information as to the proper use of household fittings (e.g., sinks, waterclosets, &c.) and the disposal of household refuse so far as possible by burning—Nil.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1925.

No. of new houses erected during the year-



No. of houses in course of erection under Council's building scheme	0
Financial assistance for purposes of increasing housing accommodation:	
Have any advances been made during 1925-	
 (a) By loans?—Nil. Number—Nil. Amount of loans—Ni (b) By subsidy?—£1500. No.—15. Amount of subsidies, £1500. 	1.
Unfit dwelling-houses: Inspection—	
(1) Total No of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 2	02
(2) No of dwelling-houses which were inspected and re- corded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regu- lations, 1925 1	63
(3) No. of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
(4) No. of dwelling-houses, exclusive of those referred to under (3), found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	0
Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices—	
No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	39
Action under Statutory Powers—	
A-Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925-	
(1) No. of dwelling-honses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	0
(2) No of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
By owners—None.	
By Local Authority in default of owners—None.	



0	declarations	ative in pursuance of	(3) No. of dwelling-hous Orders became opera by owners of intention
		ic Health Acts—	B.—Proceedings under Publi
0		es in respect of which ects to be remedied	(1) No. of dwelling-house served requiring defe
	ere remedied		(2) No. of dwelling-house after service of forma
		one,	By owners—No
	ers—None.	ority in default of owne	By Local Author
	the Housing	ions 11, 14 and 15 of t	C.—Proceedings under Section Act, 1925—
0	the making	s made with a view to	(1) No. of representations of Closing Orders
0	nich Closing	ses in respect of whi	(2) No. of dwelling-house Orders were made
0	ich Closing	ses in respect of whining the dwelling-hor	(3) No. of dwelling-house Orders were determine been rendered fit
0	Demolition		(4) No. of dwelling-houses Orders
	unavanaa of		(5) No. of dwelling-house
0	ursuance of		Demolition Orders
	ers, or con-	ed voluntarily by owne	No. of houses demolished
0	•••	•••	verted to workshops, &c.



5 -Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply.—Observations on—

- (1) The wholesomeness of the milk produced within or brought into the district—Very satisfactory.
- (2) The general adequacy of the arrangements for the supply and distribution of milk of pure and wholesome character—

Adequate arrangements.

(3) The administration of The Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, The Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, and The Dairies. Cowsheds, and Milkshops Orders—

These are enforced.

The Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923-

No. of Dealers' liceuses issued during 1925 in respect of .

- "Certified" Milk-Nil.
- "Grade A (l'uberculin Tested)" Milk-Nil.
- "Grade A" Milk-Nil.

No. of licenses issued in respect of "Pasteurised" Milk:

Pastenrising Plants-Nil. Retail Distributors-Nil.

Types of apparatus licensed for the pasteurisation of milk-Nil.

Any refusal or revocation of registration of retailers or of licenses for graded milk, with reasons for the refusal or revocation—
No.

Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk-hops-

Are they periodically inspected ?-Yes.

What is the condition ?- Satisfactory.

Give date of the Regulations made under the Order of the L.G.B.

Dec., 1895. Are they enforced ?-Yes.

Amount of air space in cubic feet required for each cow.

- (a) Where cows are habitually grazed-500.
- (b) Where cows are not habitually grazed-Nil.

Cowkeepers

Total No. of Purveyors and Producers-20.

Total No. of Retailers-6. Producers only-4.

Total on Register-30.

No. of Inspections during year-54.



No action taken as to tuberculous milk or cattle.

Any arrangements for veterinary inspection of dairy cows? Give particulars—No.

No. of samples of milk obtained during 1925 for bacteriological examination—Nil.

Meat -Observations on -

- Meat inspection (including arrangements for inspection at the time of slaughter and for marking under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924; disease in meat and arrangements for disposal of condemned milk—
- Carried out by myself and the Sanitary Inspector. The regulations are enforced but carcasses are not marked. We have a Public Slaughterhouse and a Licensed one adjoining, and both are under constant supervision.
- (2) Administration of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, as regards stalls, shops, stores, and vehicles—
 These are enforced.
- (3) Has a public slaughterhouse been provided?—Yes.

 Is it conducted satisfactorily?—Very.

Private slaughterhouses-

No. registered—1, belonging to Co-operative Society.

No. licensed—None.

Other Foods:

Action taken in respect of places where food is prepared-

Bakehouses. Number - 36. Condition - Good. Other premises - Nil.

Amount of food condemned or surrendered during 1925 as unfit for human consumption —

Tuberculous carcases and parts. 3½ tons. Other foodstuffs—48 lbs. Corned Beef.

No. of Legal Proceedings and result-Nil.

Food poisoning? Action taken-Nil.

Action taken by Local Authority in respect of-

i.—Sale of Food and Drugs Acts—Nil.

ii.-Condensed Milk Regs., 1928-Nil.

iii.-Dried Milk Regs., 1923-Nil.

iv.-Milk & Cream Regs., 1912-17.



6.—PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases Generally.

NOTE.—The Ministry of Health state the prevalence of notifiable infectious diseases during the period since 1920 should be reviewed, and noteworthy facts as to the source or spread of infection should be recorded—

With the exception of a measles outbreak, no infectious disease has been prevalent.

Diphtheria anti-toxin. Notes on the supply and prompt use-

A stock always in hand and promptly used by the Medical Practitioners.

If so, where? Kept at the Town Hall.

Encephalitis Lethargica: Any special occurrence-No.

Scarlet Fever: Discovery of "return" cases-Nil.

Pneumonia, Malaria, Dysentery, and Trench Fever: Experience in regard to these diseases—Nil.

Pathological and Bacteriological Examinations: Arrangements-Nil.

No. of specimens examined in 1925:

Blood-Nil. Sputum-Nil. Throat Swabs-Nil.

Swabs for Ophthalmia Neonatorum-Nil.

Others-Nil.

Action taken in regard to Contacts, Return cases, and Carrier Cases -- Nil.

Has any use been made of the tests known as the Schick and Dick tests in diphtheria and scarlet fever respectively, or of the recently developed artificial methods of immunization against these diseases?

We keep a supply of Scarlet Fever Streptococus Antitoxin (Park Davies).



Public Health (Smallpox Prevention) Regulations, 1917. No. of vaccinations performed by the Medical Officer of Health:

Primary-Nil. Re-vaccinations-Nil.

If any of the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable in your district, state for what period (see Table on next page).

Measles-No. Whooping Cough-No.

Diarrhœa (under 2 years)—No. Chicken-pox—No.

Any others-No.

Observations-Nil.

No. of times School Closure adopted during 1925 for-

Scarlet Fever-Nil.

Whooping Cough-Nil.

Diphtheria-Nil.

Chicken-pox-Nil.

Measles-1 (Infants' Dept.) 24th Feb. to Mar. 8th, 1925.

Influenza-Nil.

No. of Reports made during 1925 under Section 14 (4) Sanitary Officers Order, 1922—One.

Subjects of Report-Measles.

Influenza: Observations on any special inquiries undertaken in connection with epidemics—Nil.

Has any special attention been given to cancer, locally contracted anthrax, and rabies?—No.

Disinfection.

No. of Houses disinfected during 1925-40.

Method (state disinfectant used)-Formaldehyde Gas and Sulphur.

Are Houses disinfected after (a) Phthisis—Yes. (b) Measles—No.

Apparatus used for Clothing, Bedding, &c. (steam or otherwise)—
Arrangements with Accrington Corporation for disinfection with Steam Disinfector when necessary.

Any arrangement for bathing verminous, &c., persons ?-No.

In how many instances has disinfestation been carried out ?-4.



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Number of cases of infectious disease notified, number of deaths from these diseases, number of cases removed to hospital, and deaths in hospital during the year $1925 \cdot -$

					CA	SES	NOT	rifi:	ED.					
DISEASE.	Cases Ages.	YEARS.									al hs.			
DISEASE.	Total Cases at all Ages.	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 &over	Total Deaths.
Smallpox Scarlet Fever Diphtheria and Membraneous Croup Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) Acute Primary Pneumonia Acute Influezal Pneumonia Puerperal Fever. Cerebro-Spinal Fever Acute Poliomyelitis Acute Polio-Encephalitis Encephalitis Encephalitis Lethargica Dysentery Opthalmia Neonatorum	7 3					1	5 2							1
Erysipelas Pulmonary Tuberculosis Other forms of Tuberculosis Malaria Any other diseas s notifiable in district, e.g.: Chicken-pox Measles excl'ding German Measles Whooping Cough Any other disease			1				2	1 2	1	3	2	4		5
Totals	27		1			.3	9	3	1	4	2	4		11



Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1925.

Age-Periods.				New	Cases.		Deaths.				
			Pulm	onary.		on- onary.	Pulmonary.		Non- Pulmonary,		
			М.	F.	M.	F.	М.	F.	M.	F.	
Years.											
0—1 1—5	•••	•••	1						1		
5-10		•••	1		2				1 1		
10—15	•••			1	2 2				•		
15-20	•••		1				1 1	1	1		
20 - 25			1	1	1		1			1	
25-35			$\frac{1}{2}$								
35-45	•••		2				1	1	_	1	
4555	•••							0			
55—65								9			
oo and	upwards	• • •	- 0	-		-		-			
	Totals		6	2	5	0	3	2	3	2	
				8 .		5		5	5		

What is the ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to total tuberculosis deaths? Nil.

In your opinion, is the notification of tuberculosis in your district efficient? Yes.

Has any action been taken in cases of wilful neglect or refusal to notify? No.

Is there any evidence of excessive incidence of, or mortality from, tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the district? No.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

Any action taken under these Regulations (Articles 3, 5, 6, and 7) relating to tuberculous employees in the milk trade—No.

Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62.

Any action taken under this Section -No.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Ministry of Health state the Medical Officer's Report should include information on—

The general arrangements made for attending to the health of expectant and nursing mothers and of children under five years of age, including the work of health visitors, midwives, and nurses:

We have a part-time Health Visitor and all expectant mothers known are visited by her: and the midwives and all children are seen under 5 and mothers given advice as to the care, feeding and rearing of the child.



Consultation and Treatment Centres: Nil.

Maternity homes and hospitals and other institutions for the reception of expectant and nursing mothers and young children as inpatients:

Some are sent to the Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn (Union).

- The incidence of maternal mortality and investigations into maternal deaths, still-births, and infant deaths:
 - 1 Maternal Death due to Placenta Praevia and Heart Disease and 1 due to Eclampsia
- The development of ante-natal work at Centres and in connection with the midwifery service where this has proved practicable: Nil.
- Methods of dealing with unmarried mothers and illegitimate children and with children permanently or temporarily deprived of a home with their own parents:

Sent to the above Union Hospital.

The arrangements for the supply of food and milk:

On the report of the Health Visitor and Certificate of M.O.H. all necessitous cases receive the necessary attention.

The arrangements for orthopædic treatment in areas in which such treatment is provided for children under 5 years of age:

Nil. Sent to Royal Infirmary, Blackburn.

- The work of voluntary societies in the area in connection with maternity and child welfare and the place occupied by each in the Local Authority's scheme—Nit.
- The co-ordination of all the work under this sub-section with the School Medical Service-Nil.
- Observations on the incidence of puerperal fever, ophthalmia neonatorum, measles, whooping cough, epidemic diarrhæa, poliomyelitis, and other infectious diseases of parturient women, infants, and young children, and the methods adopted to diminish mortality and permanent injury to health caused by these diseases, and the results achieved by these methods—
 - Nil. Outbreak of Measles in Infants which necessitated the Infant Department of one School being closed.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

1 Case. Treated at home. Vision unimpaired. No death.

Notable Sanitary Improvements during 1925— Many Streets repayed. Erection of Mortuary.

Chief Sanitary Requirements of District—
Abolition of Earthenware Tanks and Open Ashpits.

Signed,

JOHN K. CUMMING,
Medical Officer of Health.

April 22nd, 1922.



SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ending December 31st, 1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the Great Harwood Urban District Council.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 27 cases of Infections Diseases were reported, viz: Scarlet Fever 7, Diphtheria 3, Erysipelas 4, Pulmonary Tuberculosis 8, other forms of T.B. 5.

40 houses have been disinfected. The method of disinfection being by spraying and fumigating with Formaldehyde of Sulphur Cakes. The Bedding and Clothing being disinfected in the same room. In special cases bedding &c, is taken to the Steam Disinfector belonging to the Accrington Corporation, with whom we have an arrangement.

Houses Inspected.

There were 202 houses inspected during the year, 39 of which were found defective, and same were repaired and rendered fit for human habitation.

FOOD INSPECTION.

The Public Abattoir and a good private one adjoining (belonging to the Great Harwood Co-operative Society) are under constant supervision.

3½ tons of Tuberculous Carcases and 48 lb. of Corned Beef have been surrendered and condemned.

This includes ten beasts which were notified by farmers under the Tuberculosis Order.

The Public Health Meat Regulations are being enforced. We have 36 Bakehouses and the same generally are kept in a good sanitary condition.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

54 inspections have been made during the year, and generally the premises have been found in a satisfactory sanitary condition.

One farm has been abolished, the premises being unfit, not meeting the requirements of the regulations. Houses have now been built on the site.

On the Register we have 20 Purvevors and producers. 6 Retailers, Producers only, 4. Total 30.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations are being enforced.



WORKSHOPS & WORKPLACES.

168 visits have been made to 114 Workshops, &c., and the same are kept generally satisfactory as regards cleanliness and airspace. The Sanitary conveniences are good.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Details of Closet and Ashpit accommodation are given in the Medical Officer's Report

The Pails and Cesspools are cleaused weekly, and the Ashpits about every six weeks, unless reported, when immediate attention is given.

The trade refuse from 26 Greengrocers and Fish Shops is removed daily before $8\text{-}30\,$ a.m.

We have three Public Lavatories which are cleansed daily.

The abolition of the Earthenware Tanks and the conversion of open ashpits to ashbins is being gradually carried ont. In less than two years we shall have completed all the necessary work requisite.

The Scavenging of the Streets receives all the necessary attention daily.

Nuisances.

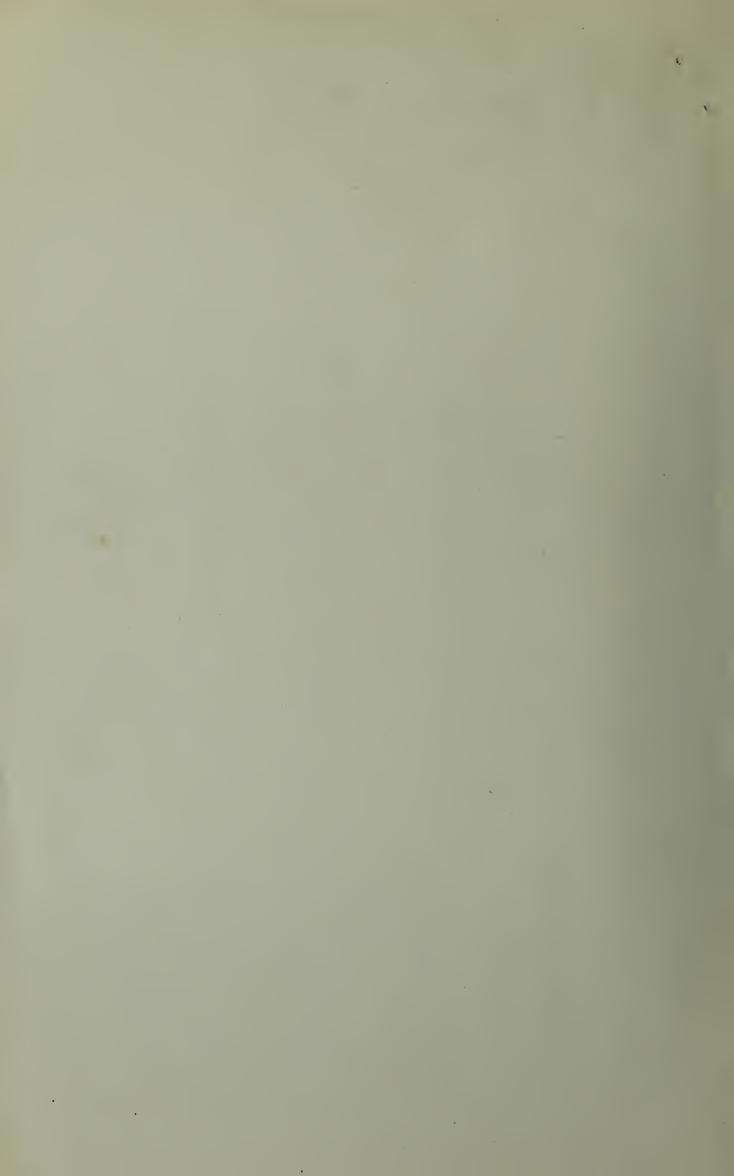
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The following nuisances have been remedied.		
Blocked W.C's, Drains, &c	•••	243
Broken Tippers (Waste Water Closets)	•••	5
Blocked Gulleys	•••	13
Houses in a filthy condition	•••	2
Accumulations of Refuse	•••	3
Emission of Black Smoke	•••	2
Defective Closet Cisterns	•••	4
Defective Ashbins	•••	47
Ashpits abolished and Ashbins substituted	•••	36
Defective Pails	•••	3
Earthenware Tanks abolished and Fresh V	Vater	
Closets substituted	•••	2
To	tal	360

Signed,

ALBERT EDDLESTON,

Sanitary Inspector and Scavenging Superintendent.



25, PARK LANE,

GREAT HARWOOD,

April 21st, 1926.

To the Chairman and Members of the Great Harwood Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I herewith submit to you my Report for the year ending December 31st, 1925.

During the year 230 births have been notified, five of which were stillborn.

I have made 1648 visits. First visits, 218; To children under one year of age, 871; over one year of age, 559.

I have interviewed and advised 78 expectant mothers:

14 children have been supplied with free milk upon certificate of the Medical Officer of Heath.

The average attendance at the Maternity Centre which has been held fortnightly was 16.

During the year we had Lectures by Miss Tipper of the Lancashire County Council and the Medical Officer, for the mothers attending the Centre.

In October, during National Health Week, Professor Stirling gave a Public Lecture on the Care of the Lungs, which was well attended.

(Signed)

ESTHER PATCHETT,

Health Visitor.

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